



5<sup>th</sup> September 2024

23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time: *Jesus the healer*



Dear Parents/Carers,

It has been a pleasure to have welcomed all the children back to school this week. We especially welcome those children and families who are joining our school community for the first time. Thank you for your many messages of best wishes for the new academic year – myself and all the staff appreciate them very much. We were also incredibly grateful for all the generous gifts you sent to school at the end of the last academic year. We look forward to another busy year, where we get back to learning and where we strive to be the best that we can be!

Below is a list of events happening in school over the next term, as well as information. Apologies for the fact that it is rather a long list! We simply wished to give you as much notice as possible when planning dates for your diaries.

**Information Evening for all Y6 Parents and Carers** - this will take place on Monday, 9<sup>th</sup> September, 3:30pm in the school hall. Mrs Gilligan – Headteacher at All Saints Catholic College – will be present to share information about transition to this school, and Mrs Sibson will speak about the curriculum, homework and responsibilities of Year 6. We would hope that a parent or carer from each family would be able to attend. The meeting will last for approximately 30 minutes, and there will be time for questions or discussion afterwards with Mrs Sibson or myself.

**Transfer from Primary to Secondary School – September 2025** - As our Year 6 children are due to transfer to high school in September, an application should be made using the online application form via the Citizens Portal, which is available on the 'School Admissions' pages on Tameside's website <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schools/admissions> under the section '**Secondary School Admission**' you are advised to read the '**Moving On**' booklet before you complete your online form. The closing date for application forms is **Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2024**.

**Whole school mass** – Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September at 9:15am. All children from Reception to Year 6 will attend. Family members are welcome to join the mass – please make your way over to St. Peter's Church after dropping your child at school that morning.

**Swimming Lessons** – **Weekly swimming lessons for our Year 4 class will begin on Monday, 9 September.** We also have some of our older children joining us for these weekly lessons. Mrs Barber is the teacher in charge of taking the children swimming. The children will need swimwear (one-piece, rather than a bikini) and a towel in a plastic bag or swimming bag. If children have been prescribed an inhaler, they must have their inhaler with them. Copley Baths will not allow children to wear goggles unless it is for medical reasons, which needs to be in writing. Parent volunteers are also required. If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Barber or the school office. I must stress that we would be extremely grateful for any further parent volunteers!

**Library Visits** – from next week, children in Y1-Y6 will have the opportunity to visit our school library to choose a book to take home. Children will then visit the library to return and change their books on the same day of the week each fortnight.

**Individual Photographs** - these will take place for all children in school and Nursery on **Friday, 20th September**. All children will have an individual photograph taken, and siblings in school will also have their photos taken together. Families who have babies or pre-school children are welcome to bring these younger children into the school library from 8:30am on this morning, where they can be photographed as a family with their older siblings.

**Contacting School** – Please remember that you may call into the school office at any time between 8.00am and 4.30pm, should you have any queries. You are also welcome to telephone us on 0161 338-3303, or to Email us on [admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:admin@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk).

If you would like to speak with your child's class teacher, this can be easily arranged. Please simply contact the school office to arrange this, or call into school before 8.40am to ask to speak with the teacher. After 8.40am teachers are welcoming children into classrooms and they must devote their attention to the children at that time.

You are also welcome to speak with your child's class teacher at the end of the school day, once all the children have been safely dismissed to their families from the teacher's care. After 3.45pm, if you would like to speak with a teacher, please enter school via the school office, sign in and request a visitor's badge. Staff in the school office will then check whether the teacher is available.

You are also welcome to send in a note with your child – the class teacher will be happy to telephone you and to arrange an appointment if this is required.

**Parent drop-in** - this will take place on Wednesday, 25th September from 3:30pm until 5:00pm. Parents are invited to 'drop-in' to school and to speak with their child's class teacher if they have a specific concern or issue that they would like to discuss. At this early stage of the school year, it will not be possible for teachers to discuss progress, and the children's work will not be on show. It is not expected that the vast majority of parents will need to attend the drop-in, but the opportunity is there for those parents who feel that this would be of benefit to them.

**PE Kit** - please ensure that you child has their full PE kit in school. Details of the PE uniform can be found on the 'Uniform' page under the 'Parent Information' tab on our school website. Please ensure junior children have their full outdoor kit – navy or black sweater and navy or black tracksuit/ jogging bottoms. This is because of the weather becoming cooler as we go into the season of Autumn. Thank you.

**Uniform** – It is wonderful to see the children looking so smart in their uniforms. Our youngest children look particularly fantastic, and our Year 6 children are taking their prefect duties very seriously, aware that they are role models for others. I am very grateful to all our families for helping us to uphold our high standard of uniform, as this is a sign of pride in our school community. May I please take this opportunity to remind parents that earrings are NOT allowed to be worn in school for safety reasons – even with plasters covering them.

### **School Uniform Suppliers**

**JFC Supplies** – [www.jfcsports.co.uk](http://www.jfcsports.co.uk) Unit 8a, Redfern Ind. Est. Meadow Street, Hyde, SK14 1RE, telephone: 367 7700

**MCS Stores** - [www.mcsstores.co.uk](http://www.mcsstores.co.uk) 32 Market Street, Ashton-under-Lyne, OL6 6ER, telephone: 339 9845

**After School Clubs** – these will begin next week.

Tuesdays - Lincoln Delve' football club with Year 2

Wednesday – Tennis for Years 3 – 6 at Stalybridge Tennis Club

Wednesday – Mini Vinnies for Y3, 4, 5 and 6

Thursday – Tag Rugby Year 5 -6 with Terri, our sports coach

Friday – Football – for Years 5-6 with Tameside Sports

More clubs will be added as the year progresses – please just keep an eye on the newsletter for after school clubs that your child may be interested in.

**Accessibility of newsletters** – If you would prefer to receive our newsletter in an adapted format (such as on a coloured background, in another language or in voice note form), please do not hesitate to let the school office know.

Please note that you may access the whole of our school website in a number of different languages simply by clicking your selection in the top right-hand corner of our home page.

**Nasal Flu Vaccination Year Reception to Year 6** – the Department of Health have announced that all children in Year R - 6 are going to be offered a flu immunisation every year. The immunisation will take place in school on Wednesday, 25<sup>th</sup> September. Forms have been sent out today, please return the forms no later than Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> September.

**Nursery Snack Fund** - snack fund is £2.50 per week. We also ask for £1.00 a week as a voluntary contribution for curriculum enhancement. Payments are made via School Money Scheme. Nursery snack fund for this half term will be £27.30. Snack fund amounts will vary due to staggered intake.

**Nursery Wraparound Provision** – we are pleased to offer wraparound care in our nursery unit. The sessions are from 11:55 am until 15:15. The charge is £15.00 per each afternoon session. Please speak with Mrs Walker or Miss O’Brien to arrange any additional afternoons.

**School Meals** - The amount due for KS2 (juniors) for this half term is £124.80 (39 meals). Payments are made through the Tameside website - <https://www.tameside.gov.uk/schoolmeals> . Please could you ensure all payments are up to date. **At present the TMBC website is under maintenance, this should be back up and running by next week. Sorry for any inconvenience caused in paying for school meals. Thank you**

**If your circumstances change you may be eligible to apply for free school meals. More information is available on the school website under school meals where there is a link to a website [www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside](http://www.cloudforedu.org.uk/ofsm/sims-tameside) Here, you can complete an online application to see if you are eligible.**

***Also, if you think you may be eligible and you have a child in the infants - including Nursery, although Infant children are entitled to a free school meal under the universal free school meal scheme, you should still apply for this, as school receives extra funding to support your child in school. Please contact Mrs Murray in the school office for more information.***

**Coconut, Prawns, Avocado and Nut allergies** - please could I ask parents not to include any of these items in their child’s packed lunch as we have children in school with severe allergies. Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

**Packed Lunches** - If your child no longer requires school meals and wishes to go onto packed lunches, we require a minimum of **2 week notice period**. **All requests need to be made in writing to the school meal email address – [schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk](mailto:schoolmeals@st-peters.tameside.sch.uk)**

**Twitter / X** - We have re-launched our Twitter/X feed - @stpetersSB and are using this social media platform as a way of engaging with families so you are kept up to date with current news and events. Please take a moment to follow our page.

## **Community Events**

**Beatrix Potter Storytelling Event** – please see attached poster for more information on the wonderful event happening this weekend.

**Manchester Football Development** – please see attached poster to book a place for your child.

## **Dates for your diary:**

Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September: Class teachers will invite families to a ‘prayer share’ in each classroom, where you can join to us pray the Holy Rosary.

Week commencing 30<sup>th</sup> September: Year 5 children will have a lesson about puberty. It will be delivered by Mr Hartney and taken from our scheme for PSHE (Ten: Ten).

October: Black History Month. As we celebrate this at St. Peter’s, we are keen to make it as relevant and ‘real’ to the children as possible. **We would very much welcome visitors from our families who would like to speak to our**

**children about their own family history, or their own beliefs about significant people throughout Black History.**

Class staff would support any adult visitors, and visits would only need to be short! Please telephone or Email the school office if this is something you feel you could support us with. It would really bring history to life for our children!

Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> October: CAFOD Harvest Fast Day. Children are invited to bring a tin or packet to school to support our local food bank. Our Mini Vinnies will then walk to the food bank with our school donations.

Thursday, 10<sup>th</sup> October: World Mental Health Day – more information to follow!

Thursday, 24<sup>th</sup> October: PTFA Halloween disco after school – volunteers who can support our PTFA by running a stall at the disco would be most welcome

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November: Multifaith Week in school – children will be experiencing activities based on the Hindu faith.

Week beginning 4<sup>th</sup> November: We will be focussing on the children's safety around bonfires and fireworks.

Week beginning 11<sup>th</sup> November: Anti-bullying Week

11<sup>th</sup> November: Remembrance Day

Week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> November: Disability Awareness Week

Parents' Evening: Tuesday, 12<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30-7.00pm AND Wednesday, 13<sup>th</sup> November, 3.30-5.00pm. Families will be invited to sign up for a slot nearer to the time.

Wednesday, 27<sup>th</sup> November: Own clothes day (in exchange for a tombola prize for the Christmas fair)!

Saturday, 30<sup>th</sup> November: St. Peter's Parish Christmas Fair (in school)

Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> December: Nursery, Reception and Infant Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December: Junior Christmas Play, 9.30am and 2.00pm.

Thursday, 19<sup>th</sup> December: Christmas dinner and party day. Children may wear party clothes to school

I wish all of our children and families the very best in this new school year. I hope that it brings many blessings to you all.

God bless,

Kind regards,

Mrs K Ryan  
**Headteacher**